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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2002.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 2-11 and 13-20 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03/5/02.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: .

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cain (U.S. 4905233) in view of Redi (U.S. 6621795).

3. Regarding claim 1, Cain teaches (fig. 3) a method of routing traffic from a source node to a destination node in a mesh topology network connected to a plurality of hosts, having a plurality of nodes that are routers, having a source node (1) and a destination node (5) and a plurality of links (CL12, CL13, CL34, CL45) connecting the nodes, comprising: computing a node metric for each node reflecting the congestion level of the node (col. 6, lines 58-67); determining a path metric for each path of a plurality of paths from source to destination (col. 1, line 60 – col. 2, line 14); allocating the load from source to destination to the plurality of paths according to the path metric (col. 2, lines 15-23).

4. Cain does not teach accounting for future scheduled traffic.

5. Redi teaches (col. 4, lines 14-49) accounting for future scheduled traffic. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art increase quality of service within the system.

6. Regarding claim 12, Cain teaches (fig. 3) a method of routing traffic from a source node to a destination node in a mesh topology network connected to a plurality of hosts, having a

plurality of nodes that are routers, having a source node (1) and a destination node (5) and a plurality of links (CL12, CL13, CL34, CL45) connecting the nodes, comprising: computing a node metric for each node by calculating a metric contribution for each link (col. 6, lines 58-67); determining a path metric for each path of a plurality of paths from source to destination (col. 1, line 60 – col. 2, line 14); allocating the load from source to destination to the plurality of paths according to the path metric (col. 2, lines 15-23).

7. Cain does not teach accounting for future scheduled traffic.
8. Redi teaches (col. 4, lines 14-49) accounting for future scheduled traffic. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art increase quality of service within the system.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 3-11 and 13-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberta A Shand whose telephone number is 571-272-3161. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00am-5:30pm.

2. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
3. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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